

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reappointment of Incumbent Magistrate Judge

The current term of the office of the United States Magistrate Judge GEOFFREY W. BARNARD at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Virgin Islands is due to expire March 23, 2002. The District Court of the Virgin Islands is required, by law, to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the Magistrate Judge to a new eight (8) year term.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging. They include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings when so delegated by the Judges of the District Court; and (4) the disposition of civil cases upon the consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the Bar and the public as to whether the incumbent Magistrate Judge should be recommended by the Panel for reappointment by the Court are invited and should be directed to Raymond L. Finch, Chief Judge, District Court of the Virgin Islands, 3013 Estate Golden Rock Lot # 13, Christiansted, St. Croix 00820-4355.

Comments must be received by October 26th, 2001. Comments must be in writing and will be kept confidential.